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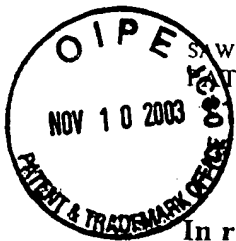
I, Stephen A. Wight, hereby declare as follows:

1. I prepared the patent application referenced above (i.e., U.S. Patent Application No. 09/626,170 (hereinafter the '170 application) and filed the '170 application on July 27, 2000 on behalf of Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft), the assignee of the '170 application.
2. I understand that International Publication No. WO 00/22860 (the Degnbol reference) has been cited as allegedly anticipating certain claims pending in the '170 application.
3. I understand that the Degnbol reference was published on April 20, 2000.
4. I prepared the '170 application with due diligence, beginning before April 20, 2000 and continuing until the filing of the '170 application.

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I, Jean Pierre De Vries, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter described and claimed by the patent application referenced above, i.e., U.S. Patent Application No. 09/626,170 (hereinafter the '170 application). I was employed by Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft), the assignee of the '170 application, while developing the invention described and claimed in the '170 application.
2. I understand that the claims of the '170 application have been rejected in view of International Publication No. WO 00/22860 (the Degnbol reference). I understand that the Degnbol reference has been cited as allegedly anticipating certain claims pending in the '170 application.
3. I understand that the Degnbol reference was published on April 20, 2000.
4. I conceived the subject matter claimed in the '170 application in the United States prior to April 20, 2000. Further, I have not abandoned the above-named invention. I have read and understood the claims pending in the '170 application.

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5. Accompanying this Declaration as Exhibits A, B and C are true and accurate photocopies of documents entitled "Context and Namespaces for Pervasive Computing," "Place Schemas & Opportunities for services," and "Places Plus: How connected, contextual computing can transform people's experience of public places." All dates on these documents have been redacted. Additional information not pertinent to the technology described and claimed in the '170 application also has been redacted.

6. The documents of Exhibits A, B and C all name me as the document author and were created by me prior to April 20, 2000.

7. The ideas and concepts demonstrated by Exhibits A, B and C arose from work conducted for Microsoft. These ideas and concepts are embodied by the claims of the '170 application.

8. All statements made herein and of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful statements made may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 2 November 2003



Jean Pierre De Vries